

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4194**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Health Care Facility Regulations--Definitions		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4194 amends Title 44, Chapter 7 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the licensure of health care facilities. The Bill makes several technical corrections to certain definitions. In addition, the Bill authorizes the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to charge a fee, if necessary, to cover the cost of facility inspections and to impose sanctions as well as monetary penalties for violations of health facility licensure and regulation requirements.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal Funds. The cost of additional inspections will be offset by the inspection fees charged by the agency. The impact on Other fund expenditures is estimated to be approximately \$13,000, but is dependent on actual revenue collected.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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